**Body Paragraphs**

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Thesis Statement: This is what you are going to focus on and PROVE in your paper. It will appear in your introduction, towards the end of the paragraph. (1 complex sentence)

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**II[[1]](#footnote-1). [First way to PROVE thesis: Write a general focus for the paragraph]**

1. [First Example: Make notes on what you want to explain in your own words to lead up to your first quote(s)]
2. [Quote 1: Copy it here with a proper in-text citation]
   1. Notes on what to say about quote 1: how does it relate to the focus of the paragraph?
3. [Quote 2: Copy it here with a proper in-text citation]
   1. Notes on what to say about quote 2: how does it relate to the focus of the paragraph?
   2. Notes on connection to previous quote or idea

**\*\*\*Use as many quotes as you need, and follow the format\*\*\***

1. [Explicit connection to thesis: You must connect back to what you are trying to prove in the paper by the end of the paragraph]

**III. [Second way to PROVE thesis: Write a general focus for the paragraph]**

**\*\*\*Use exactly the same model as above to plan ALL the body paragraphs\*\*\***

1. **Introduction[[2]](#footnote-2)**

General Components—not in order

1. Interesting Opener
2. Title and Author
3. Background Info. on All Texts
4. Thesis Statement

**IV. Conclusion**

1. Cleverly Restated Thesis
2. So-What Factor: Why should we care about the topic in the real world?

1. Notice the Roman Numeral for 2? Start planning the body BEFORE planning the introduction. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Now that you know what you’ll discuss in the paper, plan out what you need to say in the introduction; assume the reader of your paper has never read the article or book: What background information will she need to understand what you’re going to talk about? [↑](#footnote-ref-2)